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1. Dr. Gröhl, the former executive officer of Section I of the Main Division for Foreign and Interzonal Trade of the German Economic Commission, has been appointed liaison officer between this Main Division and Handke, chief of the Secretariat. This puts Gröhl on a par with Orlopp, the head of the Main Division for Foreign and Interzonal Trade. The liaison officers within the Commission are all extraordinarily zealous SED men and serve to check on the faithfulness with which the heads of the Main Divisions follow the Party line.

2. The following functionaries within the Main Division for Foreign and Interzonal Trade have been appointed specialists on economic relations with the indicated countries:

Dr. Goldmann (Telephone 3478, Room 5372): Great Britain and all dominions except Australia and New Zealand, the United States, Bulgaria.

Wandel (Telephone 3461, Room 5407): U. S. and French Zones of Germany, the USSR.

Grüper (Telephone 3494, Room 5378): France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg.

Weiss (Telephone 3498, Room 5380): Italy, Switzerland, Austria.

Karsten (Telephone 3476, Room 5372): Poland, Romania.

Linke (Telephone 3476, Room 5372): Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland.

Lücke (Telephone 3454, Room 5378): Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia.

Brunn (Telephone 3498, Room 5380): Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, the Far East.

3. The following information came to the attention of the Main Division for Foreign and Interzonal Trade during April 1948.

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- a. The Agfa plant at Wolfen no longer sells its products to Rasno-Export but rather delivers it to the newly-established Soviet "Linse" firm. The deliveries are not paid for, and constitute a form of reparations.
- b. Potash from the Russian Zone is not, as was planned, being sent to Bizonia, but is exported instead to Poland. Officials of the Main Division for Foreign and Interzonal Trade have learned that the potash does not remain in Poland, but is delivered to Rasno-Export in Leningrad.
- c. The Foreign Trade Division of the SMA has sold 2,800 tons of synthetic rubber to Poland at the price of \$475 per ton.
- d. The entire creolite production of the Dohnawerke in Saxony--an annual output of 2,700 tons--is being confiscated for reparations.

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